

## **Justice Committee Meeting Minutes**

The Justice Committee of the McLean County Board met on Monday, November 4, 2002 at 5:15 p.m. in Room 700 of the McLean County Law and Justice Center, 104 W. Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sommer, Members Johnson, Emmett, Kinzinger and Renner

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator; Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Mrs. Carmen I. Zielinski, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/  
Elected Officials

Present: Ms. Laura Tuffentsamen, Assistant Director Children's Advocacy Center; Ms. Sandra Parker, Circuit Clerk; Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Director, Court Services; Mr. James Wahls, Director, E.S.D.A.; Mr. Curtis Hawk, Assistant Director, E.S.D.A.; Ms. Teena Griffin, First Assistant State's Attorney, State's Attorney's Office

Members of the  
Public Present: Ms. Carol Reitan, Institute for Collaborative Solutions;  
Ms. Barbara Stuart, League of Women Voters

Chairman Sommer called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m.

Chairman Sommer placed the Justice Committee minutes of October 7<sup>th</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2002 on file as presented.

Ms. Laura Tuffentsamen, Children's Advocacy Center, presented the Children's Advocacy Center Monthly Statistics Report.

Mr. Renner asked why the number of cases had increased over last year's numbers. Ms. Tuffentsamen answered that it is mostly due to the increase in community awareness. Teachers, businesses, neighbors, etc. are being more forward in contacting the proper agencies when they suspect a problem.

Chairman Sommer referred to the Coroner's Office Monthly Report for September 2002. Ms. Beth Kimmerling was not present. The Committee had no questions at this time.

Ms. Sandra Parker, Circuit Clerk, presented the Circuit Clerk's Office Statistical Reports for the Month of September 2002. No further questions were presented at this time.

Ms. Roxanne Castleman, Court Services, presented the Court Services Monthly Statistical Reports. The Committee had no further questions regarding the Court Services Monthly Statistical Reports.

Mr. Renner referred to a past request presented to Ms. Castleman regarding the Electronic Monitoring issue. Mr. Renner would like to see if a report can be compiled where the Costs and Benefits of an Electronic Monitoring Program for McLean County is documented. Ms. Castleman stated that she met with Judge John P. Freese to discuss the Electronic Monitoring issue, and they decided that it comes down to a basic question: should a program be designed first and the funding be discussed later or should funding be found first before a program is designed. Judge Freese commented that if the County Board wants to develop an Electronic Monitoring Program and the Board is prepared to commit the financial means to support the program, then the Judges, State's Attorney, Public Defender, Court Services and Sheriff need to sit down and develop the proper program for McLean County. Mr. Renner suggested that the report document the projected costs of start-up, staffing, revenues that can be derived from the program, etc.

Ms. Castleman stated that Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender, has done some research on the costs of different monitoring programs available. One of the major points discussed in past meetings is the fact that more staffing is necessary in order to run the program. Another point that has to be discussed and needs to be developed is: how will McLean County determine which defendants belong in the monitoring program through a Pre-Trial Program.

Mr. Emmett also suggested that the data report should contain things like the savings that can be incurred by reducing the expense for out-of-county housing for inmates. Different scenarios should be documented in this report. The report should show expenditures and revenues that can be compared to the expenditure of building a new jail.

Ms. Castleman will work with the County Administrator's Office and other departments to gather the information necessary to put a Cost and Benefit Report together and present it to the Justice Committee early next year.

Mr. Jim Wahls, Director, E.S.D.A./Civil Defense, presented a request for approval of a Grant from the Department of Nuclear Safety to acquire a Mobile Data Terminal.

Mr. Wahls explained that this Mobile Data Terminal would provide an additional, direct link to the State's Emergency Response Team. If conditions ever escalate to a "weapon of mass destruction" level, this would be the system used, along with the Sheriff's Department, to communicate with the Clinton Power Station Plant.

Motion by Johnson/Emmett to recommend approval of a grant from the Department of Nuclear Safety in order to acquire a Mobile Data Terminal for the E.S.D.A. Department. Motion carried.

Ms. Teena Griffin, First State's Attorney, discussed a request for approval of a State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Resolution. Ms. Griffin explained that this Resolution represents an agreement to participate in the program of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2003, commencing December 1, 2002 and

ending November 30, 2003, by appropriating the sum of \$27,000.00 for financing the operation of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor.

Motion by Kinzinger/Renner to recommend approval  
of a State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Resolution.  
Motion carried.

Ms. Griffin presented a request for approval of a Donate a Phone PhoneRaising Collection Agreement with the Wireless Foundation. Chairman Sommer stated that the Wireless Foundation will contribute 33% of the value determined for each telephone donated to the charity specified by McLean County. The Foundation agrees to pay shipping costs for telephones shipped from a single location. A minimum collection of one hundred telephones is required before the Foundation will pay the shipping costs. McLean County agrees to pay for the cost of collecting, storing and boxing for shipment the telephones collected.

Motion by Renner/Emmett to recommend approval of  
a Donate a Phone PhoneRaising Collection Agreement  
with the Wireless Foundation. Motion carried.

Ms. Griffin stated that the Approval of a Victim Center Prosecution Program Grant Application is being presented for the information of the Committee only. Ms. Griffin noted that this request was approved at the September Justice Committee Meeting.

Ms. Amy Davis, Public Defender's Office, was not present to discuss the Monthly Caseload/Disposition Report. The Justice Committee had no further questions regarding the Public Defender's Office Monthly reports.

Sheriff David Owens, Sheriff's Department, was not present to discuss the Mclean County Detention Facility Report. The Justice Committee had no further questions regarding the Sheriff's Department reports.

Mr. Bill Gamblin, Administrator, E-911/ETSB, was not present to discuss the Status Report for the E-911 System. The Justice Committee had no further questions regarding the E-911 System Status Report.

Chairman Sommer presented the transfers and bills, as presented by the County Auditor, for review and approval by the Justice Committee.

Chairman Sommer noted that an appropriation transfer request form was not included in the Auditor's documentation for bills and transfers. This appropriation transfer has to do with an emergency generator requested by the Rescue Squad. Because of the Rescue Squad's small budget, it is necessary to transfer funds from the Contingency account in order to purchase a replacement generator.

Motion by Renner/Kinzinger to recommend approval  
of the transfers and bills as presented by the County Auditor.  
Motion carried.

There being nothing further to come before the Committee at this time, Chairman  
Sommer adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carmen I. Zielinski  
Recording Secretary